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AFTER TROPICAL STORM COLIN PASSES DOH-PINELLAS RECOMMENDS TAKING THESE PRECAUTIONS



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After the rains that will come with Tropical Storm Colin, it's important to take precautions to protect your health and that of your family. The Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County recommends these steps for your safety:

- Never drive your car or walk over standing water because it's impossible to gauge its current or depth.
- Do not allow children to play in standing water. Snakes, insects and other dangerous animals also move with water currents and the water contains oil, gasoline, garbage and bacteria.
- Monitor radio and TV broadcasts for warnings about dangerous road conditions
- After the rains pass, empty containers and other areas that collect water around your home. Mosquitos need only a quarter-inch of water for larvae to grow.

For more information about storm preparedness, go to Pinellas County Emergency Management site, <http://www.PinellasCounty.org/emergency>. For information about keeping healthy and safe during emergencies, visit www.floridahealth.gov and download your copy of the [Florida Emergency Preparedness Guide](#) in English, Spanish, Creole or large print.

For information about DOH-Pinellas, go to www.PinellasHealth.com or call (727) 824-6900.

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